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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PREL, KS, KN
SUBJECT: KAL 858: ROKG PAMPHLET DESCRIBING THE INCIDENT
AND EVIDENCE

REF: STATE 14046

1. (U) ON JANUARY 17 MOFA PROVIDED US ADVANCE COPIES OF
"EXPLOSION OF KOREAN AIR FLIGHT 858: INVESTIGATION
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FINDINGS," A 54-PAGE PAMPHLET JUST PUBLISHED BY THE KOREAN
OVERSEAS INFORMATION SERVICE. IT SUMMARIZES THE INCIDENT
IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, AND PRESENTS THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE
SO FAR ASSEMBLED, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE KIMS' FAKE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: SAMUEL V SMITH
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PASSPORTS, AIRLINE TICKETS, POISON CAPSULES, CODED NOTEBOOKS, DEBRIS FROM THE AIRCRAFT, PLUS A MAP SHOWING THEIR ROUTE FROM NORTH KOREA. ALSO INCLUDED ARE THE TEXTS OF KIM HYUN HEE'S DECEMBER 28 CONFESSION AND CULTURE AND INFORMATION MINISTER LEE'S JANUARY 15 STATEMENT ON THE AFFAIR. WE ARE SENDING A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION: EAP/K, BY THE FIRST AVAILABLE TRAVELER.

2. (C) IN DISCUSSING THE PAMPHLET ON JANUARY 19 WITH MOFA AMERICAN BUREAU DIRGEN SHIN DOO BYONG, POLCOUNS EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT IS A PERSUASIVE DOCUMENT WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE "WHITE PAPER" SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT (REFTEL). HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED RELIES EXCLUSIVELY ON THE TESTIMONY OF MS. KIM, AND THAT TO BE CREDIBLE TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES THERE SHOULD BE MORE INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE, INCLUDING DECLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS SUCH. SHIN TOOK THE POINT AND AGREED WITH POLCOUNS THAT THE PAMPHLET SHOULD BE PRESENTED PUBLICLY AS A "PRELIMINARY" RATHER THAN FINAL REPORT.

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